

to their own undoing, disregard the declarations of his will, the interpositions of his providence, and the order he hath established.

Thoughtless or vicious men may spurn the admonitions of their creator, make light of his laws, and violate his appointments; and then hope to escape. But their hopes are vain, for man can not overturn the fixed order and laws of heaven; he cannot break loose from their obligation, nor avoid their sanctions.

Solomon, in the chapter my text is taken from, bestows no better name than that of *fools* on those who "make a mock at sin." Sooner or later, they will assuredly find that piety and virtue are the truest wisdom—that vice is folly and ruin—that righteousness is what exalteth a nation, and insures the everlasting felicity of individuals.

2. And this leads to another observation. When our duty and interest are thus combined, and clearly pointed out, there is no room left for hesitation what line of conduct we should pursue.

Every motive of piety to God, and benevolence to man—every motive of regard to the welfare of our country, to its prosperity and rising importance—every motive of peace, order  
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